

therefore, grants may be extended for additional periods of time. Any extension requiring additional funding should be supported by a proposal submitted at least three months in advance of the expiration date of the grant.

(b) Recipients may extend the expiration date of a grant if additional time beyond the established expiration date is required to assure adequate completion of the original scope of work within the funds already made available. For this purpose, in accordance with § 1260.125(e)(2), the recipient may unilaterally make a one-time no-cost extension, not to exceed 12 months, prior to the established expiration date. Written notification of such an extension, with the supporting reasons, must be received by the grant officer at least ten days prior to the expiration of the award.

(c) Requests for approval for all other extensions (in excess of 30 days) must be submitted in writing to the grant officer.

§ 1260.23 Termination and enforcement.

TERMINATION AND ENFORCEMENT (JULY 1996)

Termination and enforcement conditions of this award are specified in §§ 1260.160 through 1260.162. If NASA determines that the recipient has materially failed to comply with the terms and conditions of the grant, NASA may suspend or terminate the grant in whole or in part after consultation with the recipient. However, NASA may immediately suspend or terminate the award without prior notice when it believes such action is necessary to protect the interest of the Government.

§ 1260.24 Change in principal investigator or scope.

CHANGE IN PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR OR SCOPE (JULY 1996)

The recipient organization and the principal investigator are responsible for the effective conduct of the project or activity supported by this award.

(a) The recipient shall obtain the approval of the NASA grant officer to change the principal investigator or to continue the research work during a continuous period in excess of three months without the participation of an approved principal investigator. Significantly reduced availability of the services of the principal investigator(s) named in the grant instrument could be grounds for termination, unless alternatives arrangements are made and approved in writing by the grant officer.

(b) Prior written approval is required from NASA if there is to be a significant change in the objective or scope.

§ 1260.25 Allowable costs.

ALLOWABLE COSTS (JULY 1996)

(a) The recipient institution is responsible for ensuring that costs charged to this award are allowable, allocable, and reasonable under the applicable cost principles defined in § 1260.127. Sections 1260.24, 1260.27, 1260.32, and requests for additional funding require prior approvals.

(b) Payments to individuals for consultant services under a NASA grant shall not exceed the daily equivalent of the maximum rate paid for Level IV of the Executive Schedule, exclusive of expenses and indirect cost.

(c) Recipients may incur pre-award costs 90 calendar days prior to award, provided the costs are necessary for the effective and economical conduct of the project and are otherwise allowable under the terms of the grant. All preaward costs are incurred at the recipient's risk. NASA is under no obligation to reimburse such costs if an award is not subsequently made, or if an award is made for a lesser amount than the recipient anticipated and is insufficient to cover the pre-award costs.

(d) Comptroller General decisions govern allowability of costs for international air transportation (see § 1260.37).

§ 1260.26 Financial management.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT (JULY 1996)

(a) *Payment.* Advance payments by electronic funds transfer will be made by the Financial Management Office of the NASA Center which issued the grant in accordance with procedures provided to the recipient. The recipient shall submit Federal Cash Transaction Reports (SF 272) to the aforementioned office and, if NASA has delegated administration, to the administrative grant officer, within 15 working days following the end of each Federal fiscal quarter, containing current estimates of the cash requirements for each of the four months following the quarter being reported. The final SF 272 is due within 90 days after the expiration date of the grant.

(b) *Management and records.* Financial and program management requirements of §§ 1260.120 through 1260.128 apply to all recipients. Financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and all other records pertinent to this award shall be retained in accordance with § 1260.153. Provisions of § 1260.26(c) shall apply to subcontractors performing substantive work under this grant.

(c) *Unexpended balances.* Any unexpended balance of funds which remains at the end of any funding period, except the final funding period of the grant, shall be carried over to the next funding period, and may be used to